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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF YEMEN

Project title and number:	Agricultural Extension and Seed Introduction in the Tihama Region (YEM/77/003)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Tihama Development Authority, Ministry of Agriculture
Date of approval:	December 1978
Starting date for project operations:	- 1/
Duration:	- 2/
Estimated value of the Government additional input expressed in US dollars:	$2 168 400 (In kind: $1 185 300) (Cost sharing, convertible currency: $983 100) 3/
Estimated UNDP additional contribution:	- 4/

1. Background

1. In consideration of the significant role of agriculture in the economy of Yemen and the significant under-utilized potential of the Tihama's land resources, the Government has identified development of that region as one of its major objectives in the agricultural sector. The present project for which preparatory assistance was approved in June 1978 5/ is the successor to the project Development of Agricultural Services in the Hodeidah Governorate (YEM/73/011) 6/. Assistance for full-scale activities has now been approved.

2. In its target areas of farmer education, institution-building and technology introduction, progress has been made in the first six months of project operations. A demonstration farm has been established and 46 demonstration fields planted. A new seed was introduced and four new extension centres opened.

1/ Project operations started in July 1978 under Preparatory Assistance.

2/ The project's duration, including the period of Preparatory Assistance, is three years.

3/ Includes provision of $120,700 for Executing Agency support costs.

4/ There is no UNDP financial contribution to the project.

5/ DP/PROJECTS/2351.

6/ DP/PROJECTS/1291.

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II. The project

3. The development objective of the project, to increase the introduction of new types of seed and crop production, remains unchanged.

4. The immediate objective of the project, to facilitate the adoption of improved technology by farmers in the Tihama region, also remains unchanged.

5. UNDP will provide,through the Executing Agency, for the services of a team leader/expert in agriucltural extension, an agricultural co-operatives specialist, a cotton production extensionist, a field crops extensionist, a horticultural crops extensionist and short-term consultants. In addition, it will provide for four volunteers, administrative support and equipment. The Executing Agency will directly arrange for the services of five associate experts, including one for the training of women farmers.

6. In addition to the cost sharing contribution the Government will provide the services of national project staff, buildings for offices and training centres, supplies and transportation directly to the project.

7. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
Experts	48	317 600	122	720 900	170	1 038 500
Equipment		220 000		50 000		270 000
Miscellaneous		14 000		91 500		105 500
		551 600		862 400		1 414 000
Of which UNDP financed inputs		-		-		-
and Government cost sharing		551 600		862 400		1 414 000

8. In addition to the total amount financed by the Government as shown above ($1,414,000), the Government is also paying $198,000 towards related Executing Agency support costs. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $1,819,800 in kind.

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